

Solid Waste Funding Workgroup May 18, 2012, Meeting Notes

The meeting was held from 9:00 a.m. to Noon in the Rachel Carson Conference Room, Atrium North, Constitution Hall, Lansing, Michigan.

The workgroup was welcomed. The members introduced themselves and identified which organization they are representing.

Jason Geer	Michigan Chamber of Commerce
Tom Frazier	Michigan Townships Association
Doug Wood	Kent County Department of Public Works representing Waste to Energy facilities and County Public Works Departments
Geoffrey Donaldson	St. Clair County representing Michigan Association of Counties (Phone)
Michael Csapo	RRRASOC representing waste authorities
Bill Lobenherz	Michigan Soft Drink Association representing the Michigan Recycling Partnership
Gary Dawson	Consumers Energy Company representing Type III landfill interests
Patty O'Donnell	Northwest Michigan Council of Governments representing the Michigan Association of Regions
Stephanie Glysson for Dan Batts	Representing Michigan Waste Industries Association
Randall Slikkers	Goodwill Association of America representing reuse stores
Roger Simon	Louis Padnos Iron & Metal Company representing Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries
Andy Such	Michigan Manufacturers Association representing MMA
William Hinz	Allegan County Health Department representing Health Departments (MALPH)
Liz Browne	Department of Environmental Quality, Resource Management Division
Rhonda Oyer	Department of Environmental Quality, Resource Management Division
Matt Flechter	Department of Environmental Quality, Resource Management Division
Also invited but unable to be present were...	
Sandy Rosen	Michigan Recycling Coalition
James Clift	Michigan Environmental Council
Jason Mancini	Michigan Municipal League representing MML

The majority of the meeting was spent reviewing comments on the DRAFT report that was sent the SWFW on May 4, 2012. The comments submitted are attached.

Some items that were identified by stakeholders that need to be revised include:

- Clarification of funding the Policy implementation verses funding the Solid Waste Management Program.

- Framing the issue in terms of Michigan not achieving the goals of the Policy and the challenges caused by not currently addressing the Policy.
- Including the total cost of implementing the Policy.
- Clarifying that there is a preference for the sustainability fee.
- Simplify the formatting and include more bullet points.
- Including support for measurement.
- Whether there should be additional funding options (product stewardship and a combination of other options).
- How interim funding is addressed.

Next Meeting is June 1, 2012, 9:00 a.m. to Noon, Con Con A & B Conference Room, Atrium South, Constitution Hall, Lansing, Michigan.